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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

JOHN D. PALAZZOTTO ET AL.

Serial No. 09/997,925

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: LUBRICATING OIL HAVING

ENHANCED RESISTANCE TO OXIDATION, NITRATION AND VISCOSITY INCREASE

GROUP ART UNIT 1764

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully respond to the Examiner's Non-Final Rejection (Paper No. 6) which was mailed March 4, 2003, for which a three-month shortened

I hereby certify that I have a reasonable basis for believing that this correspondence will be deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents.

P O Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on <u>September 4, 2003</u>

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statutory period for response was set. Filed concurrently herewith are a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and appropriate fees for the Petition for Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments being on page 16 of this paper.

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Introductory Comments

Please amend the specification and claims as follows herein.